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Free Wi-Fi
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide free Wi-Fi service in University campuses including Library, hostel, canteens and study areas under the National Mission of Education.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMIRTI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), it has been decided to provide Wi-Fi Connectivity in all Central Universities. Two Central Universities namely Allahabad University & North Eastern Hill University are already covered under Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) Programme. For remaining 38 Central Universities, Project Approval Board (PAB) of NMEICT in its 31st Meeting held on 03.12.2015 has approved the project proposal for providing Wi-Fi at cost of Rs. 335.85 Crores. List of 38 Central Universities along with approved project cost is enclosed at Annexure-I. NMEICT also has a provision for 'campus connect', that has provided the connectivity of 1 GB to 403 universities and 22,026 colleges including affiliated colleges, through 20 nodes each of 512 Kbps.

(c) It has been decided to complete the project before 30th June, 2016.